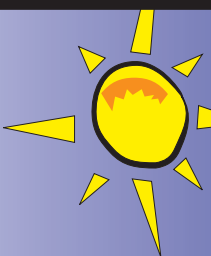


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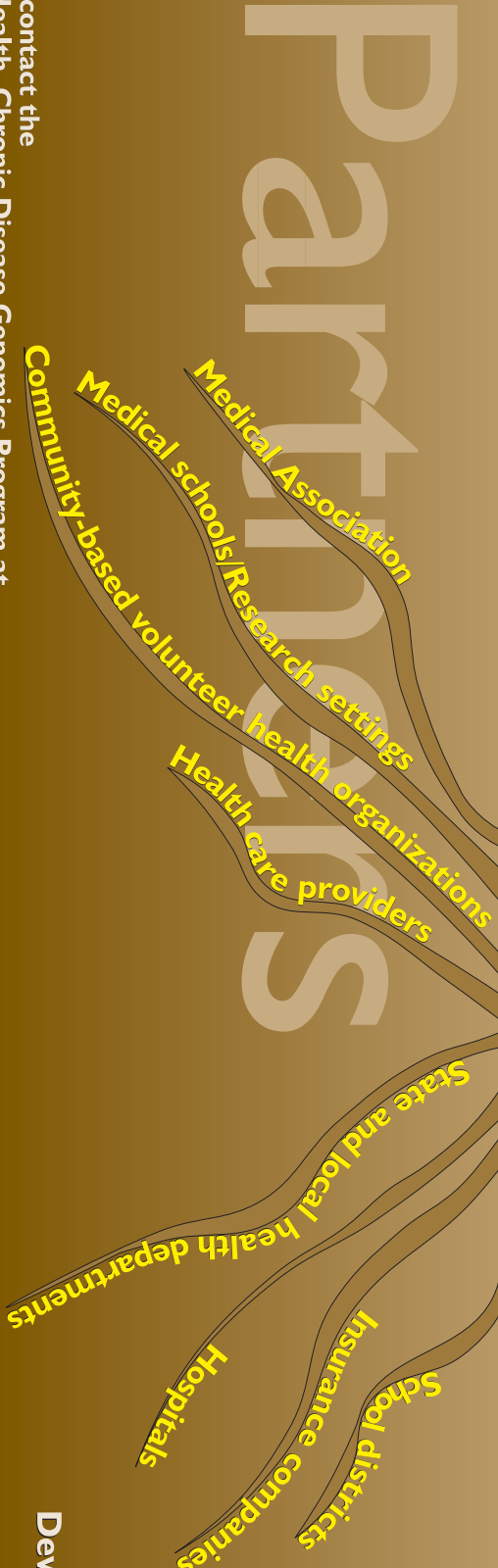


Family History Intervention:

- Family High Risk Program implemented from 1983-1999
- Utilized the University of Utah Cardiovascular Genetic Research Clinic’s Health Family Tree tool in Utah high school health education classes
- High-risk families received follow up interventions from public health nurses

Assessment of the Intervention:

- Conducted in 2004 by the Utah Department of Health, Chronic Disease Genomics Program
- Developed 8 categories of recommendations for future family history interventions
- Identified essential partnerships for inclusion on an advisory board



Contributions of Partners

- Identify roadblocks to program implementation
- Develop strategies to overcome roadblocks
- Explore use of an Internet-based family history tool
- Utilize health care providers during follow up interventions
- Develop culturally sensitive program materials and interventions
- Advocate use of tool in educational, community and health care settings

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